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## OUR BABIES

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."  
Proverbs 22:6

By Gerald B. Winrod.

It is the universal experience of religious leaders and members of the teaching profession, everywhere, that when they have dared to speak openly their convictions against modernism in the pulpits and evolution in the schools, they have been instantly discredited. Mr. Bryan was called an Ignoramus and became the victim of nationwide scholastic propaganda.

### PERSECUTION CERTAIN

Many preachers have been persecuted, placed on small charges with reduced salaries, and instructed to close their mouths and "work the program of the church." "The powers that be" over such preachers often muzzle them by strong-arm methods.

Not a few teachers have had their reputations besmirched, their ability discounted and even their positions taken from them, because they refused to submit themselves to the intellectual ravages of the hierarchy now in control of the schools, textbooks and teaching profession.

Evangelists and other men in public life know what it is to have dates cancelled, churches closed and lecture engagements blocked, because they have dared to speak against Evolution. Such experiences are but "the beginning of sorrows", which contain the germs of physical persecution that will some day burst forth as the lines become more sharply drawn and the spirit of the new reformation bears more heavily upon the souls of fearless crusaders.

At any cost, our stand must be an uncompromising one. A thing is either right or wrong, it cannot be both. If the jungle doctrine is wrong, let us stand our ground and condemn it fearlessly. If it is right, let us junk our Bible, creeds and churches and reduce America to a human jungle as rapidly as possible.

### SPARE OUR BABIES

It is not pleasant to fight. Few enjoy it. I wish it would never be necessary for me to speak on Evolution again. One, who is very near to me asked recently when I was going to cease my attacks against it. My answer is that I cannot cease as long as it is being taught to OUR BABIES.

If Evolution was being taught only to mature minds in the university, I for one would not oppose it. But as long as they teach it to OUR BABIES, I shall be willing to take my share of the slurs. When they remove it from the textbooks used in grade and high schools of Kansas and quit teaching it to OUR BABIES, I will never speak on the subject again in the Sunflower state. But until the day comes when our children are spared this outrage, I will do my best to expose it from one end of Kansas to the other. And our efforts are by no means confined to Kansas!

### FEW PARENTS REALIZE

The present generation of adults was taught Evolution only in the last years of college and the higher institutions of learning, and then, usually as only an unproved theory, a speculative hypothesis. All has changed now. It is difficult for many to realize that the theory is now being taught to OUR BABIES in even the first and second grades, as well as to immature minds in the upper grades and high school.

Comparatively few parents have any idea that the condition could be as serious as it is. Frequently the theory is given to the BABIES in

small doses at a time, and by the use of such involved language, that the little folks, and parents, do not realize what is being done. Notwithstanding, the foundation is laid and the atheistic philosophy becomes embedded in the subconscious mind of the child. As might be expected, there is an effort on the part of teachers to minimize the seriousness of the situation. We are dealing with a smooth and subtle evil.

Parents will do well to examine critically the books used by their BABIES. Teachers should be questioned closely, for it means a great deal to parents, to turn their BABIES, their most precious possessions, over to a teacher six days a week for nine months of the year. Parents should inform themselves. We have reached a place when fathers and mothers need to keep an overshadowing hand above the heads of their children when they send them even to the grade and high schools, to say nothing of the college and university.

In a small community in the northern part of Kansas, a mother refused to send her small children to the local school where Evolution was being taught. The authorities were determined that the mother was wrong in her attitude. I am informed that different charges were brought against her, until finally she was charged with insanity. Persons knowing the mother say her mind is perfectly normal and that the insanity charge is absurd. I am told that her case is still pending in the courts.

Scipio was the name of the Roman soldier in charge of the army which defended Rome successfully against the Carthaginians in the Punic War of 202 B. C. He had a daughter who was the mother of two beautiful sons. The daughter's name was Cornelia Graccha. A rich Roman woman visiting Cornelia one day displayed her jewelry, rings, necklaces and other ornaments, of which she was very proud. After showing her costly articles, she asked to see Cornelia's jewels. The proud mother had her two boys brought in, and placing her arms around them, said, "These are my jewels."

We say to the teachers, "These are our jewels; we love them more dearly than life itself, and we charge you to be careful with them when we put them in your care." America will do well to safeguard her "jewels", to shield them against the powerful forces which have gained control of the educational system of the land.

### THE TEACHER

The personal attitude of the teacher means much. Evolution is of course in the textbooks, but much depends upon the interpretation placed upon it by the teacher. Unfortunately, however, practically all the teachers have themselves been taught the theory, and do not know how to believe anything else. There are honorable exceptions of course, and many teachers are embarrassed when they are obliged to become "scholastic bootleggers" and avoid teaching the actual contents of the books.

### THE BOOKS

A notable instance of teaching Evolution to BABIES is to be found in the book, "The Tree-Dwellers", by Katharine E. Dopp. This book is used to teach beastism to children in the second and third grades over the country. In simple language, the book contains practically all the  
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## SPECIAL NOTE

It will be observed that your editor has selected manuscripts of unusual intellectual depth for the September issue. Several of the articles contained herein will require careful study. Every inch of space is made to account for something in THE DEFENDER. There is no waste of time involved in making a careful perusal of its contents from month to month. Mention the magazine to your friends. Read advertisements with care.

# Items of Interest to Defenders

## THE DEFENDER

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**AFTER READING THE AUGUST DEFENDER**, a Baptist preacher said, "If you continue publishing the kind of material you have packed into this number of the magazine, there is no reason why it should not soon become the most popular religious journal in America."

**AN ANIMALISTIC CONSCIOUSNESS**, the product of Evolution is becoming more firmly embedded in American thought every day. On August 4, The Kansas City Journal, carried a two column story on its editorial page headed, "MATING INSTINCT IS SAME AFTER 35 MILLION YEARS." Love and mating is described as the product of "the cave man spark." We find the jungle psychology expressed in every department of life. Evolution is being taken for granted. Thus, its destructive effects extend far beyond the school-room. If this jungle consciousness and hypnotic spell is not broken up by a deep rooted awakening of the national conscience, America will go to the scrap heaps.

**"PALESTINE AND PROPHECY"** is the name of a magazine of which Dr. A. A. Holzer is the editor. It is one of the very best prophetic magazines published in the United States. The subscription price is \$1.00 a year. Editorial offices: 902 S. Third Ave., Maywood, Ill. (Suburb of Chicago.)

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**"THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MAGAZINE"** is the name of a sound publication published in Hull, Iowa; \$1.50 per year. Defender readers will do well to write for sample copies.

**THE ILLINOIS CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS** Association publishes a bulletin entitled "Living Oracles." Sample copies may be secured from Rev. L. C. Stumpf, 650 S. State St., Chicago, Ill.

**TEACHERS FREQUENTLY HAMMER EVOLUTION** into the minds of children against the pupil's better knowledge and conviction. Here is an example. A young man in California writes, "In the year 1926, I was a student in the R— Union High School. The instructor in history

made the statement that men came from animals. The discussion became rather heated in the class. Before that discussion I had received fairly good grades. After that, although I did my best work, my grades were very bad and in the end I was "flunked." However, through intercession of the principal I got a passing grade." (Name and address of this student on file.)

**A HEART-BROKEN FATHER WRITES:** "I did not think the great question (of Evolution) was so serious until I sent my boy to the University of California. Now he says there is no God and the Bible was written by man alone." (Name and address of this father on file.)

**ENCOURAGING LETTERS COME TO US** regularly from readers of THE DEFENDER. Many persons have secured new subscribers; others have forwarded donations; some have sent in lists of names requesting us to mail SAMPLE COPIES to friends. We appreciate such co-operation. One man says, "When the Defender comes the first of each month, I invariably read it through before laying it down."

**THE KANSAS TOUR** This "item" is being prepared while in the heat of battle, during the annual Kansas Speaking Tour. The campaign began July 24, and will continue six weeks, through seven Sundays. Assisted by Rev. Frank L. Rose, I am engaged at this time in one of the most strenuous crusades in which I have ever participated.

It is safe to say that this is the most effective piece of work yet executed for the advancement of our organization in Kansas. Rev. Rose is proving to be an invaluable asset to the movement. He is one of the most ambitious men that I have ever worked with. He is a talented man, a good speaker, successful evangelist, and efficient song-leader. In the present drive he is being kept on the move all hours of the day and night. With care, efficiency and lightning-rate speed, he has arranged and advertised meetings from town to town in northern, central and eastern Kansas. He has provided me with good crowds throughout the tour.

I travel every day and speak in a different town each night. In addition to this, I speak in three towns every Sunday—morning, afternoon, and evening. During these six weeks we expect to hold sixty meetings in as many different towns.

With the feeling that defenders all over Kansas are watching and praying for us, we are enjoying the work as we hurry from place to place. But we are not without our handicaps and obstacles. The torrid weather, long and tiresome rides on trains and often in automobiles over muddy roads, heavy duties during the days, and many hot and sleepless nights, the matter of occupying a different bed every night, small hotels and poor food, being constantly away from home and loved ones, the opposition of modernists and "middle-of-the-road" preachers, the attacks of many teachers, together with the usual financial problems, are making our travels anything but a summer vacation.

So far, (August 20) I have traveled about 1,500 miles to fill lecture dates,

and it is safe to say that Rev. Rose has covered three times this distance in arranging the meetings.

Several meetings have been in isolated and rural communities, right out among the farmers. Invariably such audiences have been comparatively large and appreciative. Some open-air meetings are being held.

Pastors representing practically all evangelical denominations have sponsored meetings.

Our slogan this summer is,—"No village too small, no city too large, to hear Evolution discussed." We are carrying our message to that great middle-class of people, which with their taxes, build the school buildings and pay the teachers.

Our contention is, that since these people supply the money and for the most part furnish the students, they have a right to know what is going on in THEIR schools and should be consulted regarding what is taught to their children. These people are not fools. Their judgment is sound. Their logic is good. They are citizens. They pay taxes. Often their moral life is far better than that of the city "high-brow" who assumes the position of dictating to them.

Here in democratic America, the schools have been delivered out of the hands of the middle-classes and into the hands of the powerful few. We say, **GIVE THE SCHOOLS BACK TO THEIR RIGHTFUL OWNERS!** An intellectual hierarchy, which takes the position of being subservient to no one, controls at this good hour, twenty-five millions of school children and two billions of dollars of taxpayer's money, annually. Speak against the hierarchy, and you are instantly discredited!

We are telling these things to the tax-payers of Kansas this summer.

Heaven hasten the day when the middle-classes will awaken and with righteous, crystallized sentiment, out from THEIR schools, the atheistic forces now in control. America still has the ballot. Some day the good people will use it, and when they do, this jungle psychology will be smashed in pieces; our children will be delivered out of the clutches of intellectual atheism.

Wherever I have spoken this sum-

mer, people have been shocked as I have read from grade and high school text books, and informed my audiences of what is actually taking place in school rooms. People have no idea that such conditions could exist before their very eyes without their knowledge. Again I have been impressed with the fact that the vast majority of people do not want Evolution taught in our schools.

The tax-payers have it in their power to speak to the State Legislature through the ballot and whether or not the conditions are ever remedied on Kansas soil will depend much upon the type of men sent to the State Legislature from individual communities as well, of course, as the attitude of the Governor.

This 1927 Kansas Tour has "teeth" in it, and is contributing in a remarkable way to the Defender Movement. It is worthy of the prayerful support of members everywhere. So far, we have taken in about 300 new members. (August 20). We have added about the same number of new names to the subscription list of this magazine. Up to the time of the present writing, public meetings have been held in the following Kansas towns:

Walton, Peabody, Halstead, Sterling, Little River, Windom, Hillsboro, Lost Springs, Woodbine, Alta Vista, Dwight, Alma, Randolph, Frankfort, Sabetha, Hiawatha, Effingham, Nortonville, Ozawie, Winchester, Oskaloosa, Valley Falls, Onaga, Rossville, Delia, Topeka, Meriden, Allen, Admire, Bushong, Leon, Winfield, Arkansas City and Sedan.

Other towns are included on our itinerary.

It is a pleasure to report that the campaign is paying out financially. This is made possible because of the fine response to the circular letter appeal made to members early in July, wherein I asked every Defender to respond with 50 cents. The funds received from this source, added to the collections at the meetings, have enabled us to cover the large overhead expenses. The campaign is proving to be far-reaching and educational in its effects.

If our Lord tarries, we will plan to repeat this program in 1928 on even a larger scale.—G. B. W.

## REV. FRANK L. ROSE, NOTED BIBLE TEACHER, EVANGELIST AND BAPTIST PREACHER

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Rev. F. R. Beery, Pastor First Baptist Church, Leavenworth, Kansas, said, after hearing the address: "This lecture should be heard every night in a different community in Kansas. It is a masterpiece from every standpoint. Rev. Rose is rendering a great service by giving it."

This address is delivered under the auspices of the Defenders and has the personal recommendation of Gerald B. Winrod. For available dates address Rev. Rose, 632 S. Cherry Street, Ottawa, Kansas. No financial obligation. Every truly sound minister in Kansas should seek to give his church the opportunity of hearing this vital message. Dates for next two months now being arranged. Rev. Rose spends one night in each town. Both Frank and George Rose are noted evangelists, having held meetings in many sections of the country.

# HUMAN TAILS

By Gerald B. Winrod

## HUMAN FAMILY WITH WAGGING TAILS IS FOUND

Please read with care the following press report circulated from Sidney, Australia.

"Reports of a human family in which every member except the mother possess a perfect tail, which in the case of the father, can be wagged as though it were a dog's, has excited the interest of medical men here.

"The father, a ten year old son and two daughters, three and six, respectively, have tails. The grandparents were normal and the father and the children are normal except for the tails, which grow from the bases of their spines.

"No ill effects have been suffered by any member of the family. The growth of the tails has concided and has been in proportion to the growth of the remainder of the body.

"A medical man who was questioned by a representative of a local paper regarding the family, said:

"It is a case of atavism. The tailed father and children who inherit the appendage undoubtedly are throwbacks. It is intermittent heredity. It is all harking back to a more or less remote ancestor due to the reassertion or awakening of ancestral contributions which have lain for several generations latent or unexpressed. There is no doubt that this family possessing perfect tail appendages is anthropologically very important. They are noteworthy links in the chain of man's evolution."

"A reputable Sydney newspaper investigated the story of the tailed family and vouched for its existence."

### BUNK!

The above story about supposed human tails, was published in a Wichita newspaper purporting to be a report circulated by the United Press from Sidney, Australia, July 28. It is pure bunk!

Evolutionists are expert propagandists. They carry on a perpetual educational program. They have access to the entire press of America and pour into popular thought a constant stream of false statements and sensational reports, purporting in each instance to submit "the latest proof" of Evolution.

Public thought is being gradually molded around the evolutionary principle, and herein lies America's great danger.

Seldom a day passes but what the "latest" report is circulated by some newspaper, scientist or teacher. These reports range from "blood tests", "human tails", and "missing links", to descriptions of the personal habits of "ape-men" who lived "thirty-five million years ago," more or less. OUR DANGER IS IN THE FACT THAT MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THESE LIES, ASSUME THAT EVOLUTION HAS BEEN PROVED, AND TAKE THE ANIMALISTIC PRINCIPLE AS THE BASIS OF CONDUCT. "All that glitters is not gold" and all that is published in the secular press is not true.

Now analyze the above report. Notice, it does not say who this family

is, where it lives, nor does it give its nationality. The report simply says that four humans living somewhere on this planet, have tails which "can be wagged" as though they were dogs. It does not even say that the family lives in Australia, but says that some doctors, whose names are not given, have become excited about the matter.

Personal details regarding this family, which is not named or located, are then given. "A medical man" living somewhere in the world presumably, then gives a scientific explanation of this "tailed family." What is the name of this "medical man?" What is his standing? Where does he live?

Finally, we are informed that "a reputable Sidney newspaper" investigated the story and found it to be true. Why the secrecy? What is the name of this "reputable Sidney newspaper?" What are the details concerning dates and location of its investigation? What competent authority has vouched for the authenticity of said investigation?

Bunk! Pure bunk! In all probability the whole report is the "brain storm" of a newspaper reporter, or a deliberate lie on the part of some evolutionist.

### THIS STORY OF THE "HUMAN TAIL" IS A FALSE AND WICKED TALE.

To hear some evolutionists tell it, one would think that about every third or fourth baby born into the world, comes into existence with a "human tail." They say that the reason humans do not all have tails, is because our animal ancestors learned how to sit down millions of years ago and rub their tails off. In elaborate terminology we are informed that every mortal possesses an embryonic tail in the form of a clump of bones at the base of the spine, which, if allowed to develop, would grow into long, well developed, shaggy tails.

What a pity that our ancestors should have ever learned to sit down! What a loss! What a tragedy that H. G. Wells and Henry Fairfield Osborn should be denied the privilege of wagging beautifully decorated, shaggy tails! What a convenience it would be if these men could knock flies off their ears with their own prety tails!

Granted, that once in a hundred thousand births a baby comes into this life with a clump of bones protruding at the base of the spine; does this prove that our ancestors had tails? It does NOT. It is simply a "freak of nature", a "sport."

Some men have double thumbs. Does that prove that our ancestors had six fingers? A calf was born in Canada with a hoof growing out of the top of its back; does that prove that the cows living millions of years ago walked on their backs?

Bunk! The whole "human tail" story is a fabrication of lies, and should not be circulated by evolutionists as truth.

In conversation recently with Dr. Arthur I. Brown, the noted Vancouver surgeon, I asked if in all his medical practice and research work he had ever seen a human, adult or infant, or studied an embryo, which by any stretch of the imagination could be said to be in possession of a tail. He replied, "As a physician I have helped to bring into the world 2,500 babies, and have had occasion to study thou-

sands of other human bodies, and in not a single instance have I observed at the base of anyone's spine a resemblance of a human tail."

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## Bolshevism in China

Rev. H. G. C. Hallock, a missionary in Shanghai, China, writing to Mr. R. Richards, a Defender, living in Burrton, Kansas, tells him of the tragic conditions introduced in China by "Red" propaganda. Toward the close of the letter, Rev. Hallock says:

"The Chinese in all this part kept fleeing into the settlement or to other places to escape the terrible Chinese soldiers who are moved not by patriotism, but by the lust for loot. Worship of the god-of-wealth produced no gold, so they brazenly determine to steal it, since new teachings preach future punishment and Bolshevists extol anarchy. It is awful and to see the terror-stricken Chinese running here and there carrying their worldly goods. Oh, the terrible Bolshevists! What trouble and terror, what sorrow and suffering they are responsible for! And to think they are just Modernists gone to seed. Shame on every Modernist in America and China! They have encouraged and incited this blood-shed, unconsciously indeed, but none the less surely. God forgive them. They know not what they do."

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## Man's Natural Song

Here am I, an atom,  
Midst a whirling mass of life;  
Above, below, beside, beyond,  
Is naught but constant strife.

He conquers who is fittest,  
He loses who is weak,  
So fight I will, for fight I must,  
For life is what I seek.

And if beyond the portals  
Of life I sometime go,  
I'll fight with death, I'll grapple Hell,  
'Till vict'ry I shall know.

This song to man is natural,  
He cannot see ahead,  
He only sees the wrong and strife,  
That gathers round his head.

He cannot win the battle,  
But yield to death he must,  
Unless he turns to Christ, the Lord,  
And in Him puts his trust.

—Harold F. Damon.

## The Necessity of the Virgin Birth

Dr. I. R. Dean, Toronto, Canada.

(Editor's Note:—Dr. I. R. Dean, author of the following article, is a well known Bible expositor. The present manuscript is both interesting and doctrinal. It will require careful study on the part of the reader to get its real worth.)

Uios

Sperma

The Virgin Birth of Christ was a necessity for three reasons, first, to fulfill prophecy; second, to give Him a title to the throne of David; and third, that He might be a Saviour.

### I. To Fulfill Prophecy.

Look at the two Greek words above. The word at the left is pronounced "whyos" and is translated "son." The word at the right is translated "seed." The whole story of Christ's meeting all the demands of prophecy and escaping all the bars of prophecy and thus securing an unmistakable title to the throne of David, is told in the discriminating use of these two words. It would be absolutely impossible for Him to claim a title to that throne if He had not been born of a virgin. Now Uios (son) may express natural, blood relationship, and is often used in this sense. But it may express merely legal relationship, when there is no kinship by blood at all. This usage is common in all languages. Saul called David "my son" because David was married to Saul's daughter. (1 Sam. 24:16.) One may be a legal son, or son-in-law, without being a real son by blood.

On the other hand Sperma (seed) always expresses blood relationship, and never merely legal relationship. Many homes in this land have sons that are in no wise related by blood to their foster parents.

This word Sperma (seed), as used in the Bible of human beings, with one remarkable exception, always refers to the father and not to the mother.

The only exception is that of a prophecy about Christ. He has the unique distinction of being the only person born in the human race who was "the seed of a woman."

It is evident that if Christ was the seed of David and at the same time born of a virgin, He must have gotten this relationship through His mother, since He had no human father. This difficulty is met in the very first promise about the Messiah.

"The Lord God said unto the Serpent, And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed. It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."—Gen. 3:15.

This prophecy has always been interpreted to refer to Christ, who would in the end overcome Satan and set up His Kingdom on this earth.

If it were not for this prophecy it would be impossible for us to claim that Christ was the seed of David, and at the same time born of a virgin, without a human father. But according to this promise, there was to be one unique person that was to be the seed of a woman. This He could not be if He was the natural seed of Joseph. He would then be the seed of a man.

Christ was the only person ever born that could fulfill this prophecy. The virgin Mary was a direct descendant by blood from David; therefore to be the seed of this woman was to be the seed of David.

This harmonizes with the great prophecy of Isaiah.

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name immanuel." Isaiah 7:14.

This prophecy, according to Matthew, was fulfilled at the birth of Jesus Christ (Matt. 1:22). He is Immanuel, which means God with us. So both His Diety and humanity are declared in this prophecy.

He must be born of a virgin, then, to fulfill these two great prophecies. But it is equally necessary for Him to be born of a virgin to escape the bar raised by Jeremiah.

### II. He Must Be Born of a Virgin That He May Be Entitled to the Throne of David.

Against Jeconiah (the last King in the royal succession that ever sat on the Throne of David), Jeremiah pronounced these words:

"Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? Is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure? Wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not? O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days; for none of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah." (Jer. 22:28—30).

This does not mean that Jeconiah would not have children, for we are distinctly told that he did have children. (1 Chron. 3:17; Matt. 1:12.) But it means that none of his descendants would ever sit on the throne of David.

Now Matthew's genealogy shows that the title to the throne of David must descend through this very line of Jeconiah and no other. Christ, then, must establish His legal right through this line or He could have no right to that throne.

He must be the Uios (son) of David through this male line of succession, but He must not be the Sperma (seed) of Jeconiah. Remember the title to the throne of David always descends through the father, not the mother.

The genealogy was preserved with the greatest care, although the legal heirs were barred by Jeremiah's prophecy.

Thus Matthew says, "After they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begat Salathiel, and Salathiel begat Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel begat Abiud", etc. This genealogy goes right on to Jacob, who begat Joseph. Each one of these princes was legally entitled to the throne because they were the natural descendants of King Jeconiah. They were both the Uios (son) and Sperma (seed) of this despised king. It must be remembered that each of these words are used of descendants, however remote.

Notice the peculiar wording of Matthew 1:16, "Jacob begat Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ." Then follows the explanation how Jesus was begotten of the Holy Ghost before the marriage of His mother, and how His mother was married by divine direction before His birth. This made Him the Uios (son) of Joseph, without being the Sperma (seed) of Joseph and therefore the seed of Jeconiah. Joseph was the only living heir to the throne of David when Christ was born. There are never two proper heirs to the throne at the same time. Luke says of Joseph, "He was of the house and lineage of David." (Luke 2:4.) This means that Joseph was heir to the throne, notwithstanding he was barred from reigning by Jeremiah's prophecy.

It was only by Christ being born of a virgin that He would get over the bar set up by Jeremiah.

If He were the natural seed of Jo-

seph, He could not be the Seed of a woman (Gen. 3:15). If He were the natural seed of Joseph, He would not have been born of a virgin, according to the promise of Isaiah 7:14. If He were the seed of Joseph, He would then also be the seed of Jeconiah and could not rule in Judah, sitting on the throne of David. Admit His virgin birth and everything is simple. Deny His virgin birth and all is confusion and contradiction.

### The Problem of the Two Genealogies

In perfect harmony with this plan Matthew begins with these words:

"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son (Uios) of David, the son (Uios) of Abraham."

Is it not strange that Matthew never let his pen slip once and called Him the seed (Sperma) of David or Abraham, but always the Son (Uios) of David and Abraham?

Matthew gives the genealogy of Joseph because he says, "Jacob begat Joseph." He could have only one father that begat him. Luke says, "Joseph was the son of Heli" (Luke 3:23). But this may mean, and certainly does mean here, that he was only the son-in-law. Since he was married to Mary he had a father-in-law, i. e. Mary's father, whose name was Heli.

This solves the problem of these two genealogies. Luke establishes His descent from David through Nathan, which is not the line of succession at all. But still this makes Him the seed of David in His humanity, as was promised (Psa. 89:36). In Matthew the wise men ask the question, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" (Matt. 2:2). Christ was the only person that was ever born a King. Joseph was still living when He was born, but as we have seen, he could not occupy the throne.

But Christ had every right and no bar, so He was born a King. Nathanael was right when he said, "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel." (John 1:49.)

Be assured that He could not be the King of Israel if He were not the Son of God, born of a virgin. When Pilate asked Him, "Art thou the King of the Jews?" (Luke 23:3), He answered, "Thou sayest it."

Since Luke gives His genealogy from Mary declaring His humanity, we would expect His introduction to be different, and so it is.

"And, lo, the angel said unto them. Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10, 11.)

In Luke, He is the Seed of David, born of the Virgin Mary and therefore a Saviour to all people. This is the line of Paul's ministry. After His complete rejection by the nation of Israel, Paul is called to proclaim the grace of God without distinction to sinners, whether Jews or Gentiles. (Rom. 3:22; Gal. 1:11.) Paul never speaks of Christ as the Son of David because he is not representing Him as the King; but refers to Him as the Seed of David because he is proclaiming Him as the Saviour. (Rom. 1:3; 2 Tim. 2:8.)

But Paul also again and again proclaims the Diety of Christ and preach-

es the necessity of His virgin birth. Strange that any one would contend that Paul never taught the virgin birth, when his whole plan of redemption requires it and he implies it everywhere.

### III. The Last Adam.

According to Paul's gospel, all mankind sinned in Adam, (Rom. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:22). Adam was the federal head of the race and when he fell the whole race fell with him. Adam was also the natural head of the race and every one descending from him by natural generation has partaken of his sinful nature. (Rom. 5:18, 19; Eph. 2:3, etc.) Therefore, the apostle teaches that if we are ever to be saved there must come someone into our race that, while truly a man, has not descended by natural generation from Adam, and therefore has not inherited Adam's guilt and sinful nature. To be a substitute for us, He must be a real man; but to be an adequate substitute He must be "holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners." (Heb. 7:26.)

How often does the apostle refer to our Lord in this aspect of His unique personality.

"The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam a quickening Spirit. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven." 1 Cor. 15:45, 47.

Does not this teach His Diety? How could He be Diety if He was the natural seed of Joseph?

"What the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and as an offering for sin, condemned sin in the flesh", etc. Rom. 8:3.

Does not this teach the pre-existence of Christ before He came into this world? Does it not also teach that He did not inherit our sinful nature, since He did not have sinful flesh? How could this be if He was born like any other man with a human father?

"But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his son, made of a woman, made under the law to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." Gal. 4:4, 5.

Here we have His pre-existence as the eternal Son and His sinlessness in His humanity; for how could He pay our debts if He were not sinless? And how could He be sinless if He was an ordinary man like ourselves with a human father; or worse than that, according to the opposers of His Virgin birth, the illegitimate child of an impure woman?

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man." Heb. 2:9.

Here we see Him who was higher than the heaven, made lower than the angels, i. e., He became a man in order that He might die in our stead and save us. (Heb. 2:16, 17; 2 Cor. 5:21.)

Such Scriptures could be greatly multiplied. See Phil. 2:5-8; 1 Tim. 3:16; Rom. 1:3; etc., etc.

Three things are established by these Scriptures:

1. That Christ was God the Son from eternity, and apart from His birth of the virgin Mary.

2. That He was truly (a) man, without partaking of our sinful nature, and therefore without descending by natural generation from Adam.

3. That He must have these qualities in order to save us. If such is not the case, we Christians have no more of a Saviour than Buddhists or (Turn to page 5)

# BURNING BILLIONS

By James A. Walton.

## America's Burnt Offering—A Sacrifice to Smokers.

(Editor's Note:—After hearing Mr. Walton deliver a lecture in Pasadena, California, recently, I expressed a desire that the readers of *The Defender* be privileged to read it. The following article is the result. Mr. Walton's home address is: 5007 Range View Avenue, Los Angeles. He is Superintendent of the California Anti-Cigarette League and publishes a helpful magazine called "The Shield." Subscription price \$1.00 per year. Be it known to the everlasting disgrace of Kansas, that having enacted a law against the sale of cigarettes, we allowed it to be stricken from our statute books at the last session of the State legislature.)



James A. Walton

The tobacco bill for America for one year is about \$2,300,000,000.00. The tobacco interests pay in to the government annually \$400,000,000.00. This tax is greater than the tax paid by the liquor interests, when the saloons were in power. This is a more serious problem for the youth of America than "booze." There might be a number of young people who would use alcohol, if they had the opportunity, but there are millions of them who cannot get it. On the other hand, the cigarette is in evidence everywhere, and anybody, who wants to buy it, who has any ingenuity whatever can secure it, despite the law. On every hand, business and professional men are seen smoking, and many of them are members of Churches. They are setting a bad example for the young people. If smoking by men and women was taken from public places, and confined to the homes, smoking by the youth of America would be greatly reduced. This fight belongs to the Church of Jesus Christ, and we cannot ignore it. The cigarette is the "big" end of the tobacco bill.

There are three reasons why a boy should refrain from using cigarettes.

First: BECAUSE IT INJURES HIS CHANCES AS AN ATHLETE, and every normal boy likes to do big things in athletics. Charley Paddock, the famous sprinter, says, "No boy can be a star athlete who smokes cigarettes, because it cuts his wind, and affects his heart." "Slim" Lindbergh, who made the famous flight from New York to Paris, does not smoke, chew tobacco or use intoxicants. George Young, winner of the Catalina Channel swim, said in a letter to the writer: "My trainer tells me that if it had not been for the fact that I did not smoke, or drink, and kept myself in good condition by a clean life, I never could have won the race." Bud Hauser, a famous discus thrower, does not use tobacco in any form. Of eleven men on the University of Southern

California football team, who met and defeated Pennsylvania State, at the Rose Bowl, Pasadena, eight of them never touched tobacco in their lives. The trainer of the famous Washington State Rowing Crew would not permit any of his men to use tobacco in any form. The boy who uses cigarettes will not have much chance in the big athletic events.

Second: CIGARETTES INJURE A BOY'S CHANCES IN SCHOOL. Scores of teachers in the last ten years have informed the writer, that they never knew a boy, who began smoking, in Grammar School, and continued the habit, to graduate from High School. The cigarette cuts down their ability to study. They cannot apply themselves as a normal boy should. Principal J. Roslyn Earp, of Antioch College, recently studied the effects of tobacco, on College men. Students who inhaled the cigarette smoke, had lower scholarship records, than smoking students, who did not inhale. Mr. Earp says: "This would seem to fit the statement of a German scientist, who reported, recently, that inhalers take eight times as much nicotine into their systems, as smokers who do not inhale. Out of twenty-three students dismissed last year, for low scholarship, the proportion of non-smokers grows steadily greater. As one ascends the scale of scholarship, the proportion of non-smokers, grows steadily greater. In general, those who smoke much, have lower scholarships than those who smoke little."

Third: CIGARETTES INJURE MORALLY. The Superintendent has spoken before the BOY'S GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLIC, and the President informed him that out of eighty-one lads sent there by the Courts, every one of them smoked cigarettes when they came into the Institution. At the WHITTIER STATE SCHOOL, 98 out of every 100 boys smoked cigarettes, when they entered the Institution. Judge Frank S. Forbes, of Los Angeles, says that the cigarette is a contributing factor, in many cases, of crime, which have come before him in the Los Angeles City Courts. Famous men, all over the country, have inveighed against it. David Starr Jordan has said: "The boy who smokes cigarettes, need not worry about his future, he has none." Herbert Hoover said: "There is no agency in the world today that is so seriously affecting the health, education, efficiency, and character of boys and girls, as the cigarette habit, yet very little attention is paid to it." Nearly every delinquent boy is a cigarette smoker, which certainly has much to do with it. Cigarettes are a source of crime. To neglect crime at its source, is a short-sighted policy, unworthy of a nation of our intelligence."

And Luther Burbank, the famous plant wizard, made this statement: "No boy would smoke cigarettes, if he knew what a poor, weak, enervated creature he was making of himself."

We have given you the figures for the direct cost of tobacco, in America, for one year: \$2,300,000,000.00. The indirect cost is difficult to estimate, but in all probability it would add a billion dollars more to the direct cost. The fires which have swept over the forest areas, in the United States, have destroyed millions of dollars' worth

of property, and through the carelessness of the cigarette smoker, thousands of homes and places of business have been swept by flames. The Insurance Companies point out that at the top of the List of Causes for Fires in America, stand cigarettes and matches. Each year 17,000 people are burned to death in America, and the cigarettes and matches are responsible for a large number of these deaths. In a Canadian theater seventy-eight children were burned to death recently through the carelessness of some cigarette smoker, according to the Fire Commissioner. But of course the cigarette smoker must have his smoke whether children are burned to death, or not. One-half of our Insurance premiums go to pay for fires that are caused by smoking.

In an age when food is sterilized, milk is pasteurized, and the youth of America is urged to keep his body strong and virile through exercise, and the middle-aged people are urged to practice their "daily dozen", we have 30,000,000 of people (thirty millions), in America, using tobacco in some form. How ridiculous!

Smoking of cigarettes by women is on the increase, although the number who smoke, in proportion to the number of women in America, is negligible. Perhaps not over five per cent of our American women are using cigarettes.

The cigarette smoker draws the smoke into his lungs, and the poisons are then carried by the blood stream to every part of his body. The blood stream itself, is polluted, by the cigarette poisons. There are eighteen distinct poisons in every cigarette.

Madam Schumann-Heinke has denied the statement, made by the Lucky Strike people, that she smoked cigarettes, and absolutely repudiated the advertisement. She said, "I never smoked a cigarette in my life, and my sons are not permitted to smoke in my presence, on the days I sing. Smoke would irritate my throat." If the cigarette trust would take advantage of a woman, like Madam Schumann-Heinke, who has a national reputation, you may be assured that they would take advantage of any one, anywhere through the medium of their advertisements.

Not long ago David Starr Jordan said: "The man who smokes, feels comfort when he has a good cigar. But the fact is well attested, that at his best, he is only capable of suppressing a feeling of unrest, caused by tobacco. At his best, he feels only, as a non-smoker, of like physique, feels at all times. Tobacco does mischief to every one that uses it. As citizens of the Republic, and joint owners of the atmosphere, we—who do not smoke,—have the right to ask the others to put away their cigars, and cigarettes, when they are in our company."

Professor Richet, of Paris, winner of a Nobel prize, said: "To excuse myself. I cannot even claim, like many smokers, that tobacco is harmless, since I am well aware that it is harmful, exceedingly harmful. My mania for smoking is proof of man's incorrigible folly. Tobacco is a stupid habit, of which I am its slave.—a stupid slavery, from which I lack the courage to break away."

Roger Hornsby, the famous baseball player and manager, said: "I never smoked, and never tasted intoxicating liquors."

Eugene Tunney, world's champion boxer, takes pride in saying, over his own signature: "I never used liquor or tobacco."

At its national convention in 1922 the National Educational Association declared that, "The rapid increase in cigarette smoking among people of all

ages, and both sexes, and especially among growing boys is not only a cause of alarm, it is a call to arms."

Since then matters have become even worse. The country is now consuming more than 6,000,000,000 cigarettes a month, a large percentage being smoked by the youth of America. The increase in twenty years has been more than 3,500 per cent. Whatever opinion one may have in respect to the influence of tobacco upon adults, all agree that it is bad for children.

We can all do some investigating. Find out in every possible way all the truth you can about tobacco, the tobacco habit, the tobacco business, and the fight against tobacco.

Let us reveal the truth. Plant the seed in the susceptible hearts of the children.

The Cigarette Trust is spending millions annually. Our friends must support this righteous cause with liberal generosity if we win the fight.

I have walked in summer meadows  
Where the sunbeams flashed and broke,  
But I never saw the cattle or the sheep or horses smoke.

I have watched the birds with wonder  
When the world with dew is wet,  
But I never saw a robin puffing at a cigarette.

I have fished in many a river,  
Where the sucker crop is ripe,  
But I never saw a catfish puffing at a briar pipe.

Man's the only living creature  
That blows where'er he goes,  
Like a blooming traction engine  
Smoke from mouth and nose.

If God had intended he'd smoke  
When He first invented man,  
He would have built him on  
A widely different plan.

He'd have fixed him with a stovepipe  
And a damper and a grate,  
And He'd had a smoke consumer  
That was strictly un to date.

## THE NECESSITY OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH.

(Continued from page 4)

Mohammedans; and all the millions of the saints that have died with the comforting assurance of being absent from the body and present with "the Lord that bought them", have been deceived.

My last word is, if belief in the Virgin Birth is a delusion, God give us more of it; bathe us in it; overwhelm us with it!

## MODERNISTS AT WORK.

A new edition of Fosdick's scintillating book, "The Modern Use of the Bible," is being brought out to sell for 90c. Thus are the Modernists bestirring themselves to get their poison into the hands of the people — note a few extracts:

"Joshua making the sun stand still may be poetry and the story of Jonah and the great fish may be parable; the miraculous aspects of the plagues of Egypt and the magic fall of Jericho's walls may be legendary heightenings of historical events; the amazing tales of Elijah and Elisha may be largely folk-lore; and, in the New Testament, finding a coin in a fish's mouth to pay the temple tax, or walking on water, or blasting a tree with a curse, may be just such stories as always have been associated with an era of outstanding personalities and creative spiritual power. Certainly, I find some of the miracle narratives of Scripture historically incredible." (Pp. 163-164.)—The Southern Methodist.

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### BRYAN BIBLE LEAGUE NOTES.

The writer has just returned from Yosemite National Park and contributes an article regarding the trip for this issue. We spent ten days at The Sammamish Bible Conference and a write-up regarding that convention will be found in this department.

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A book containing a series of seven lectures on prophecy in Swedish can be secured from the Bryan Bible League. These lectures were delivered by Paul W. Rood. The price is 50 cents. The title of the book is "Coming Events Through The Telescope of Prophecy." Order several copies for distribution among your Swedish friends. Discount given to those wishing to order quantities or for the purpose of selling.

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The Bryan Bible League calls upon all its members and constituency to pray definitely for the League and all the Lord's work throughout the nation. Pray for all evangelists and Bible teachers as they enter their fall work. Pray for The Defender and all periodicals true to the faith once delivered. Pray for all evangelical schools as they begin their winter's work. Pray for all faithful pastors. Pray for all of us who, by word of mouth and pen, seek to call people back to God. Pray for a revival, a nation-wide revival, yea, a world-wide revival. Pray for the missionaries. Pray for the Jews. PRAY.

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The Mission Church of Turlock has conducted Open Air Services in Beulah Park every Sunday night this summer. This park, which is a block square, is owned by the church. The New Mission church will be built on this property. The old High School building has been thoroughly renovated and is used for Summer Bible School and Young People's Bible Study. The park contains beautiful palm trees and a nice lawn. It is estimated that about 2,000 people hear the Gospel every Sunday night at Beulah. We thank God for the hearing received for the Gospel message in song and testimony.

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The Beulah Summer Bible School had an attendance of 200 pupils. Five trained teachers did the teaching. This was strictly a Bible school where every pupil majored in Bible study. Bible knowledge is the need of the hour. Children must be indoctrinated and instructed in the Scriptures.

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"Bryan, The Modern Elijah" is now available in booklet form. It can be secured from The Bryan Bible League, Turlock, California, for 15 cents a copy, or eight copies for a dollar. Those wishing to secure the booklet in order to sell it, receive a discount.

### The Sammamish Bible Conference

Near the city of Seattle, on the shores of beautiful Lake Sammamish, a Bible conference is conducted every year. The writer had the privilege of being one of the speakers at the Seventh Annual Conference a few weeks ago and feels impelled to write about this work of God as testimony to God's faithfulness.

About seven years ago, when the writer was pastor of The Swedish Tabernacle in the Seattle, the present location of the Sammamish conference came under our observation. A group of men from Seattle went out to see the place, which consisted of twenty acres of land right on the shore of the lake. The land was partly improved. It had a gradual slope toward the water. The view was beautiful and we received a vision of the future possibilities of the place. The group of men already mentioned had a season of prayer during which this land was claimed for God and His work. In a short time an organization was formed and the land was purchased. Back of the vision that resulted in the procuring of this property was the recognition of the need of a place where Christian people could spend their vacation in a spiritual atmosphere. Most people have several weeks' vacation every summer. Christians would like to spend that vacation in a way that benefits them spiritually and physically. Young Christians need to associate with their fellow believers and to make their vacations real recreation for soul and body. Whenever there is a need, God is ready to meet that need. The Summer Bible Conference has come to the kingdom for such a time as this. It has happened that Christians have backslidden during the summer and others have grown so cold that it has taken half a year to thaw them out! Now, thank God, we can get our young people back after a two weeks' vacation renewed spiritually and ready for the winter's work in the church. It is also true that many Christians build summer homes where they spend a part of the vacation period. Why not build these homes at a Bible Conference Camp? Many have done so at Sammamish. This creates a Christian community with a wonderful fellowship, which is a foretaste of what it will be in the coming Age of Glory.

The first conference at Sammamish was a success from the spiritual standpoint. It was held in a borrowed tent. In our enthusiasm we built up a program that was quite strenuous. We started with a prayer meeting at six o'clock in the morning and had three lectures every morning. The afternoons were used for recreation, swimming, Finnish baths, boating, etc. At five o'clock there was a Round Table discussion. The idea of this hour was to give room for questions that had been raised during the lectures and also to face the problems of attendants, personal problems, S. S. problems, young people's problems, etc. This has proven to be one of the most fascinating features on the program. The lecturers are expected to be present to answer the questions. The program is always held under the "Gospel Tree." The children have their hour under competent leadership at 6:30 p. m., and the Gospel Service starts at 7:30. This service is evangelistic in character and frequently results in conversions, restorations, and consecration. The victorious life through the indwelling Christ is emphasized and many believers have taken Christ as their victory during the conventions. All of these features characterize the conference year by year with this exception that we now have two lectures every

morning and hold the prayer meeting at a later hour. The lectures are all Biblical and spiritual and have a two-fold aim: to teach the Word of God and to deepen the spiritual life.

The first convention had some definite results. It was attended by Seattle and Tacoma young people as well as by folks from surrounding places, particularly High Point. One young lady, a school teacher, said in her testimony at "The Say So" service: "The Bible has become a new book to me as a result of the Sammamish conference." Several others testified along similar lines. There have been definite results every year. Usually there has been a real revival spirit with many conversions.

Any one who attended the first convention and then came back this year would be impressed by the tremendous growth of Sammamish. Now there are many beautiful summer cottages on the ground. A large and practical tabernacle has been built. There is also a home for missionaries, which is available for returned messengers from the foreign field. A commodious dormitory has been built and there is a hotel and tents available for those desiring such accommodations. Some bring their own tents and camp on the grounds. The tabernacle was filled every night and on Sundays to overflowing. The day sessions also attracted large audiences.

From the human standpoint there are of course many who have had a share in accomplishing these results. One hesitates to mention names, lest an injustice should be done someone whose name might be left out. For many it has been a labor of love to devote time, energy and money to the building of this work. God is not forgetful, but will reward every faithful co-worker.

The conference this year was one of the best attended held so far. The convention is growing year by year. The spiritual tide seems to be rising higher and higher. Christians were revived and souls were saved. We thank God for every convention and not the least for the one of 1927.

Almost every year has been characterized by a climax that frequently has come at an unexpected time. One year the leader asked at the last service how many would like another service on Monday morning. Many responded and remained for this service which was rich in blessing. At this service it was decided to hold an Open Service Monday evening at sunset. This service proved to be the climax that year. The climax came after the official conference had ended! The spirit of prayer and testimony was poured out on those assembled. Such testifying! Such praying! It was one of the outstanding experiences of life. God had never been more real. Jesus had never manifested Himself more clearly. One of those present was moved by the Spirit to speak on: "Launch out into the Deep." Never has he been more conscious of simply being a mouth piece for God's message. The Lord does not always follow our programs. The river of life makes new channels.

Another year the conference had a visiting missionary, who was so quiet and unassuming that although we prepared a place for him on the program we had asked another to speak after the missionary. We wanted to be safeguarded against the meeting being a failure! The missionary started out very quietly and inside of five minutes we were spellbound; in another five minutes we were in tears. He spoke a while longer and we wanted to go somewhere to pray. Before he was through we would have followed him to South America! The leader now commenced to be concerned about the second speaker. He was a spiritual man and sensed the situation and immediately suggested that we pray. We all fell on our faces and the Shekinah Glory was in that tent as we bathed in tears and prayed earnestly for more of God's power in our lives. This is an illustration of how God works and sometimes surprises us at Sammamish. Probably it should

be added that the brother in question was Alex Hay of The South America Inland Mission. We shall never forget him.

The Sammamish conference is a faith movement and stands there as a monument to God's faithfulness. We marvel as we behold the growth and development of this work. It is the Lord's doing. He is working in the twentieth century! Sammamish has a doctrinal basis and every member of the association subscribes to a doctrinal statement that is true to the historic position of the Evangelical church. No speaker can be engaged who is not in harmony with this statement of faith. Sammamish is a spiritual movement. Spirituality is emphasized. The conference majors in Bible study, but it must effect the practical life. Sammamish exalts the victorious Christ and presents Him as the solution of every problem. Christ is our Life, our Victory, our Hope, our All in All. The Victorious Life is taught at Sammamish. It is the Keswick of the North Pacific Coast. Hungry souls come to be fed and folks whose spiritual batteries have run down come to have them recharged. The future of Sammamish is as bright as the promises of God!

May we make a few suggestions in conclusion. Pray for Sammamish and all conferences conducted on evangelical lines. Plan to attend a summer conference next year if it is at all possible. Go where you will receive a spiritual uplift and where you can be a blessing. God can bless in the summer time as well as in the winter season. To the North Pacific Coast readers we suggest a trip to the Sammamish Conference in July, next year!

## Lessons Learned at Yosemite

One of the beauty spots of the world is Yosemite National Park. The gateway to this beauty spot is Merced, which is only twenty-five miles from Turlock. The distance from Merced to the park is eighty-five miles. There is now an All-Year Highway that makes it possible for a conservative driver to motor from Turlock to the park in five hours. Of course there are those who make it in three hours and a half or less!

It is almost humiliating to admit that we have lived in such close proximity to this wonderland for five years without seeing its wonders. Is it not true that we often miss the beauties near at hand? "Distance lends enchantment to the scene." There are "Acres of Diamonds" right at our doors as Russell Conwell so eloquently pointed out. Many travel great distances to see things that don't compare with those near at hand. "See America First." Grasp the opportunities at your side. "Somewhere else" and "some other time" seem to be favorite expressions of many. Let us learn the value of the "Here" and the "Now." There are things to accomplish right where you are. There are undiscovered beauties and unrealized wealth in the personalities with whom we come in contact and in the surroundings of our abode if we only are awake. Let us "possess our possessions."

There are many people lacking in a sense of appreciation. I heard a lady say that she was not thrilled by Yosemite at all. She was this side of thirty and probably without a husband and probably had suffered some other disappointment in life that made her a cynic. I met a man who was a globe trotter, a linguist, who knew fourteen languages, who was so overwhelmed, that he said Yosemite was the beauty spot of the earth. He did not understand why people would travel to Europe to see the Alps when we have a Yosemite near by. What a difference there is in people! Surely we should cultivate a sense of appreciation. We'll get so much more out of life. Many are seeking after thrills. They are seeking after artificial thrills. If we could get our thrills from nature, from books, from service to our fellows, from fellowship with God, then we would be normal. Any other kind of life is abnormal. Do we appreciate the beauty of flowers, the song of the birds, the grandeur of nature? Do we appreciate the good qualities of our fellows? Do we rejoice over their virtues and their talents? Let us beware of the sophistication that makes us cynical.

The Yosemite Valley is only a part of the Yosemite National Park. The park has an area

of 1,125 square miles, or 719,622 acres. Yosemite Valley is seven miles long and one mile wide. The valley is U-shaped and is surrounded by cliffs which are from 2,000 to 5,000 feet high. The bottom of the valley is remarkably level owing to the fact that Yosemite Lake once covered the valley and the rivers carried sediment which covered the bottom. The valley has been formed by glacial and earthquake action. The immensity of the precipices and the beauties of the valley are simply indescribable. John Muir has come as close to a successful description as any one, in the following words where he speaks of what the park contains: "The headwaters of the Tuolumne and Merced rivers, two of the most songful streams in the world; innumerable lakes and waterfalls and smooth silky lawns; the noblest forests, the loftiest granite domes, the deepest ice-sculptured canyons, the brightest crystalline pavements, and snowy mountains soaring into the sky twelve and thirteen thousand feet, arrayed in open ranks and spiry pinnacled groups, partially separated by tremendous canyons and amphitheaters; gardens on their sunny brows, avalanches thundering down their long white slopes, cataraacts roaring gray and foaming in the crooked rugged gorges, and glaciers in their shadowy recesses, working in silence, slowly completing their sculptures; new-born lakes at their feet, blue and green, free or encumbered with drifting icebergs like miniature Arctic Oceans, shining, sparkling, calm as stars."

We had the privilege of spending a week in this land of enchantments. The immediate occasion was an invitation to preach in The Yosemite National Park Church. A camp was placed at the disposal of the family. The choir from our church sang at the morning service and gave a program in Camp Curry during the evening. The audience is, of course, interdenominational and cosmopolitan, if not international. We found that we had hungry hearts in our audience, longing for a message from God. No audience could have been more responsive.

Bridal Veil Falls are especially beautiful at sunset when you see the falls swaying like a bride's veil in the breeze and all the colors of the rainbow reflected in the waters as they flow over the rocks. Mirror Lake in the upper end of the valley should be seen at sunrise when you see the mountains mirrored in the lake and other reflections that beggar description. The trip to Happy Isles, with the Merced river rushing by, is something long to be remembered.

The hikes to various places is one of the experiences enjoyed by the valley tourist. Our party hiked to Vernal Falls and had the wonderful view to be seen from the top. We were now 5,044 feet above sea level and 1,084 feet above the valley floor. The most interesting hike was to Glacier Point, 7,214 feet above sea level and 3,254 feet above the valley. We climbed the one and one-half mile trail. This is an experience not soon forgotten. At Glacier Point we had an airplane view of the valley and a view of High Sierra peaks, domes and water falls. No Yosemite visitor should miss this view. It is simply indescribable. What a wonderful world God has created for His creatures! How unthankful and unappreciative we are! We came back by the four mile trail which took less than half the time it took to climb up the one and one-half mile trail. It is more difficult to go up than to go down!

Another remarkable feature in the park is the fact that the wild animals are tame. The birds eat at your feet or out of your hand, as do the deer. These beautiful creatures come through the camps begging for food and stop wherever food is offered. The bears come out of the woods at certain times and are fed by the tourists. The children enjoy this experience. All this reminds us of the millennium, when: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den." There are glorious days ahead! The time is coming when "the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose." The whole world will be like a great park when Jesus reigns from sea to sea. Even now we can "look up through nature to natures God", but what will it be when sin has been vanquished and righteousness covers the earth as the waters cover the sea!

Every evening there is an event that takes

place above Camp Curry which the onlooker will never forget. It is the "Fire Fall." At nine o'clock the announcer at the camp calls out "Hello, Glacier!" A man stationed at Glacier Point, over 3,000 feet above, calls back, "Hello, Camp Curry." The announcer now responds: "Let the fire fall!" The man on Glacier Point now pushes over a bonfire, which falls to the cliffs below. It resembles an illuminated waterfall. The effect is indescribable. The mass of people watching the scene are silent as they stand in awe.

The lesson we learned at Yosemite is that God is a great God. Back of all intelligent result is intelligent cause. God is the creator and upholder of all things. We marvel at Yosemite and worship God. This is God's world even though a usurper is exercising rulership. The rightful owner will overcome the usurper. Christ will be on the throne. God is a lover of order, beauty and harmony. There will be perfect order, beauty and harmony in the new day that soon will come. Rejoice, oh child of God!

As we face the coming fall in our churches shall we not look up and cry in the words of the announcer: "Let the fire fall!" We need fire from above that will burn up the dross and energize us with divine energy. We need revival fires in our churches. We need to pray, "Lord, send a revival and let it begin with me." Oh, how we need a God-sent, prayed-down, sweeping revival throughout our country and throughout the world. We need a revival of reverence, a revival of prayer, a revival of Bible study, a revival of soul-winning. Lord, revive Thy work. LET THE FIRE FALL!

*Amel W. Ford*

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## God and the Humming Birds

By Prof. Roland Case Ross.

(Editor's Note:—The scientific article for this month is, "God and the Humming Birds", submitted by Prof. Roland Case Ross, of the Nature Study Department of the Los Angeles schools. Prof. Ross is also vice-president of the Bryan Bible League. The manuscript discloses an Infinite Intelligence in this department of nature which could never be accounted for on the basis of Evolution. THE ARTICLE REVEALS A CREATOR, NOT AN EVOLUTOR.)

Humming birds have long been known as lovers of flowers, particularly red colored ones. In their visitations to tubular flowers a valuable service, that of cross-pollination, is frequently performed. Bees and other insects carry on this transfer process for great numbers of flowering plants and the wind also wafts the pollen from flower to flower, or tree to tree in other instances; but the deep-tubed flowers do not profit greatly by either of these usual means and must depend on hummingbirds, hummingbird moths, and the large bees, such as carpenter bees and bumblebees. The bird, the moth and the bee each has a long tongue for probing the depths of these vase-like nectaries and in doing so incidentally the plumage is daubed with pollen which the next or succeeding blooms visited receive.

As is well known, pollen from another flower or better still, another plant, is more to be desired than pollen produced by the flower itself. Cross-fertilization gives better results than self-fertilization. To this end it is that some kinds of plants separate the sexes and produce pollen on one individual and ovaries on another; the carob and pepper trees and two weeds, the crcton and ragweed, come to mind as common examples. Thus inbreeding is effectually barred.

The same end is obtained in a great proportion of flowering plants by the simple expedient of developing to maturity only one organ of the flower at a time; the pollen of a certain flower does not reach the pistil of that same flower due to its appearance after the pistil has matured. One can observe this orderly process of maturation in almost any common flower. Just now by stepping into the garden I found it in the peach, lemon and tobacco trees and in the shrubs and weeds as well. Before a peach or a lemon bud is more than cracked open, the ripe, sticky pistil is thrust out, far in advance of the unfolding petals and the slower growing stamens with their unripe pollen. Some plants reverse the order, shedding pollen and then extruding the stigmas.

It is in the tubular flowers that this advance and retard of the two organs is seen most easily. The common plan is for such flowers to extend their fruiting bodies out beyond the tube, often to some considerable distance. These elongated filaments are most conspicuous and the extreme length of one, the pistil, is at once contracted with the barely protruding heads—the anthers—of the stamens. Later the older organ withers as the slower ones grow out.

### HOW THE POLLEN IS CARRIED

This arrangement is a perfect fitting for cross-pollination by hummingbirds and probing insects. The red-flowering gooseberry, *ribes speciosum*, native to California hill-sides, is a splendid and accessible example. Because of the shape and pendant attitude of this bright red flower the plant is often called the fuschia-flowered gooseberry, but by the claim of possession, which is said to be nine points of the law, it should be called the hummingbird's fire bell. From morning to night, during the long flowering seasons of early spring, the hummers haunt the dells and nooks of most hill-sides, working in and out of the bushes hung with these glorious fairy lanterns. Because of the tube effect hummingbirds and larger bees are the usual visitors, and because of the color the birds are the regular pensioners. Out of the tube project the filaments to an extent nearly twice that of the tube. No bee would be hit with the ends of these long stamens, but hummingbirds are every time. It works this way:

The gooseberry flower, like the fuschia, hangs down. The bird hovers beneath, pushes the bill in within the tube and then swings back to give his neck an easier angle than straight overhead.

This turns the flower aside from the perpendicular and at the same time causes the long-extended stamens or the pistil, whichever may be ripe, to strike firmly against the bird's throat. Thus visiting flowers this is an effective medium and method is attested by the fruitfulness of the gooseberry, by the bepollened chins of the hummers, and the remarkable diligence and agility of the winged sprites. Mrs. Davidson in her delightful volume, "California Plants in Their Homes", says she saw one hummer visit sixty-five of these gooseberry flowers in sixty seconds.

In the scarlet penstemon and others, the plant's contact is with the bird's head or forehead, the fruiting organs bending down from above. A plant in Florida has been recently described, that strikes the pollen upon the hind part of the hummingbird's head. The long extended filaments are held aloft by the vertical growing flower, but discomfort of the vertical attitude, the stamens with their pollen sacs raised aloft, "as in benediction," descend to tap the bird on the back of the head. Thus the succeeding flowers of this special kind "know" where to feel for their kind of pollen on the visiting bird, and moreover no other flower will get it. These other flowers also have their own patent positions for pollen transfer on the hummingbird's body and they will get their own kind of pollen from their own special portions and positions. Some dust the bird's forehead, others the chin, another the breast, the top of the head, the nape; and to this exact spot each species of flower promptly resorts when the visitor arrives. It matters not that the messenger stopped enroute from penstemon to penstemon to sip a drop of nectar from Indian paint brush and a few sages on the way. The pollens are not mixed, nor are the original grains entrusted necessarily lost; when the next penstemon is reached there is the pollen in the place reserved for penstemons.

Now there are some people who cannot understand this plan. It is by natural law that all such processes are performed, in obedience to which all forms of life maintain themselves. Such unbreakable laws are supposed to be not only the perpetrators of life and process, but also the source. This does not give credit where credit is due.

### THIS IS NOT BLIND LAW

No law originated itself; no law ever found by man creates life, for life comes only from life,

each after its kind: no law working blindly, apart from intelligence controlling and directing it, has produced a new thing from an old and kept it going thereafter. "Variations daily we witness, but no new species," said Professor Bateson, whose authority is chief in genetics. The point is that law is not a creator but a creation; plans do not happen, they are made by intelligence; designs and contrivances do not come from universal impersonal automatic forces that eliminate ruthlessly all but "the fit." If that were true all tubed flowers should have the same methods of fertilization, but they don't. A thousand means contribute to that end in a thousand instances.

A blind god of law would strike to the ground results with regularity, yet in nature there are not only variously devised tubed flowers, but myriads of types in other styles, and with them a special means in each case to accomplish a common end. No one method of cross-fertilization is the best. God has a thousand ways to do one job. Logic and machine precision would demand one best way; yet by lavish and glorious profusion He makes a myriad where one device, one plan, one means, would do.

The machine-loving materialist used to say that if one organism could be found that was dependent upon some other living thing for the completion or carrying on of its life processes, then naturalism would fall before creation—blind force, cold matter, eternal law would not suffice to account for this world and its life. They don't say this now; they even disclaim its belief in the past. There are too many of us dependent these days; too many examples of interdependence. When Australia had to import bumble-bees to cause its clover to produce seed, a proof of interdependence was demonstrated—without bumble-bees red clover cannot reproduce itself. The same is true of the yucca in regard to the pronuba moth; the same is true of fruit trees and bees apart from wind. Flies, bees, beetles, moths, birds, mammals, plants; all are in the scheme of things, and when one departs, the "balance" is destroyed and changes ensue.

Avoid it as one will, there is no thought consonant with things as they are, with facts, except it recognize the Hand behind the power, the Skill that wrought the plan, the Mind, in which was law. "In the beginning—God." As it was, so it is now and shall be evermore. "Known unto God are all His works, even from the creation of the world." —Copyright 1927.

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**BUT THE LIFE AND MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST**—The Incomparable man of Galilee—are **INSPIRATION** personified, and people by the millions, who believe in Him, are willing to compass land and sea, brave hardships and suffer persecution, yea, death itself, if need be, in order to carry a saving knowledge of His Gospel to those who have it not. When He speaks the world listens, and like the inspired writer of old, men say, "Well, Master, Thou hast said the truth." When we read His words of gracious invitation, we suddenly discover music in our souls of which we had never dreamed; when His words of condemnation flare up before us, we hate ourselves because of sin; but when His words form some lofty ideal, bidding us go forward in the performance of duty, they seem to give us the strength of ten men.

**THIS INCOMPARABLE MAN WAS USHERED INTO THIS WORLD** amid the singing of angelic choir and that song has become the chorus of every land, and is destined to be sung by every tongue. No such demonstration ever hailed the birth of any other being. The life He lived among men is without parallel. Skeptics, critics and agnostics may find fault with His miracles, but they can find no fault with His life. And yet the life He lived on this earth in the midst of sin, evil and error—a life of sinless perfection—is the greatest miracle this world has ever witnessed. His marvelous wisdom, matchless achievements, and sublime purity of life, attest the fact that He was indeed and in truth the Son of the living God, yea, Immanuel—God with us in the flesh.

### MANY ARE THE STRIKING FACTS REGARDING THE WISDOM OF CHRIST:

He made no mistakes. Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and all other great teachers have constantly exhibited their errors; but the shrewd enemies of Jesus, the learned Scribes and Pharisees, who watched His every word and walk, failed to discover a single mistake. Only after long and laborious efforts do the world's greatest men reach dizzy heights of thought and mind activity, and then they stop, hesitate and consult before answering difficult questions. But Christ speaks the highest and deepest truths without effort, and answered promptly and without counsel the most difficult and intricate questions ever propounded by men, never hesitating for one single moment nor expressing one single doubt. On the green grass, on the boat, on the mountain-side, in the home, in the synagogue, everywhere, this was always true. There are no "ifs" in the discourses and sermons of Jesus. When He speaks of God, He speaks as one who has lived and breathed the atmosphere of Heaven; and when He speaks of the spiritual world, He speaks as one who has come from that world. He used simple language, and clothed His greatest truths in simplest dress. His words are simple enough for a primer, and yet each one sparkles like a precious jewel. His sentences and sermons dazzle like a cabinet filled with diamonds of the first water. "He talked so all could understand, of flowers and trees and birds, and from harvest fields and crowded streets men thronged to hear His word."

### THE TEACHINGS OF THIS GREAT GALILEAN PROPHET ARE NOT BIG IN BULK

Augustine takes thirty volumes to write and explain his system of theology; and John Calvin takes forty volumes. The great Apostle Paul, who gave Christianity its setting in the first century, says more in the New Testament than Jesus. We can easily read all the recorded sayings of Christ in the short space of sixty minutes, and yet we never get to the end of His words. They are translated into laws, they are merged into doctrines, they constitute our only consolations, they pass into proverbs, but they never pass away. Without science and philosophy, He has shed more light on things human and divine, than all of the great scholars of the world combined. Without the eloquence of the schools, He has spoken such words of beauty and power, as were never spoken before or since. Without writing a single book, He has set in motion more pens, printing presses, and furnished themes for more sermons, orations, discussions, sublime poems and work of art, than all the great, good and gifted men of ancient and modern times. He built a pyramid of knowledge towering to the sky, to which no man has been able to make a single addition in two thousand years. Men and nations must realize that Christ and His messages alone have the proper solution for the pressing problems of our day, and for every age and clime. He is the world's only hope, its only salvation.

### LET US LOOK FOR A MOMENT AT HIS WONDERFUL WORKS

He said, "If I do not the works of God believe me not. The works that I do bear witness of me." In no medical journal will you read an account of any such exploits as Jesus Christ wrought. He used no knife, employed no compress, and tied no artery. But with a word He stuck fast the amputated ear of Malchus. He made ointment of dust and spittle and caused a man born blind, without cornea, optic nerve or crystalline lens, to open his eyes and look out on the light of the day. He beat music on the drum of a deaf ear, and the man went away with his sense of hearing perfect. He straightened a poor woman, who through contraction of muscles had been bent almost double for two decades. He enabled a man who had no use of his limbs for 38 years to pick up his mattress and walk off. The combined medical skill of the world stands powerless in the presence of a withered arm, but this great Doctor of Omnipotent Surgery said to a man whose arm was wasted, paralyzed, useless, powerless, and lifeless at his side, "Stretch forth thy hand," and he stretched it forth, and it was restored whole, as the other.

### OBSERVE HIS MARINE ACHIEVEMENTS. HE CONVERTED THE STORMY SEA

into a glassy pavement, and then walked upon it. When the old storm king was walking on the battlements of the lowering clouds, playing havoc with the hoary locks of the "Blue Galilee," the winds roaring, the waves rising, their little boat was being tossed high on the crested billows. His timid disciples were sore afraid, and they awake Him from His sleep on a pillow in the hinder part of the boat and say: "Master, carest Thou not that we perish?" Jesus arose from His slumber, looked out over the weary waste of waters, rebuked the winds and said: "Peace, be still." Nature obeyed that voice. The winds quietly folded their wings and retreated from the scene of darkness, the waves were rocked to sleep on the bosom of the mighty deep, and the troubled sea became as calm as the shades of a summer evening. His disciples looked on in wonder and amazement and said one to another, "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and waves obey Him?"

### THIS GREAT GALILEAN ONLY SPOKE TO THE DEAD AND THEY STOOD

living again. He caused the white lily of death to blush into the rose of life and health and Jairus daughter sprang into the arms of her rejoicing loved ones. He stood before the grave of Lazarus, who had been dead for four days and cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth," and the immortal spirit of Lazarus, in the Elysian fields of the spirit world, obeyed the command of the Master of all realms, and reunited itself with its tabernacle of clay, and presently Lazarus, bound in his grave clothes, stood before the assembled throng. Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go." Jesus was perfect in purity, and free from selfishness, pride and covetousness,—the three damning sins of our age. He was free from

sectarianism. The great men of the earth are sectional, but Jesus is **UNIVERSAL**. Many men are as big as their state, but only a few as big as their nation. They are influenced and limited by environment. Moses, the great law giver and emancipator of Israel, was not only a Jew by birth, but one in thought, feeling and habit. Socrates, though a giant intellect and great philosopher, never rose above the Greek type of thought and character.

### NAPOLEON, THE WORLD'S GREAT MILITARY GENIUS, WAS A FRENCHMAN;

Cromwell, one of the world's greatest statesmen, was an Englishman; and even our own great George Washington, Father of his country and first president of the greatest nation under heaven's shining sun, can never be to another people what he is to the people of these United States of America. The influence of these great men extend far beyond their nation and time, but they are not **UNIVERSAL** men. But what they are to their particular people, place and age, Jesus is, and a million times more, to the universal world for all time. He is the big brother of all. He speaks as from the center of the earth, equally distant from all, and yet equally near to all. He is the ideal for all, but like the sun in the heavens, He cannot be monopolized by any, yet shines equally for all. The wisest, best, and greatest of all men, for nineteen hundred years, have bowed with uncovered heads and exclaimed, "Never man lived like this MAN! Never man served like this man; never man sacrificed like this man; never man loved like this man. He is the fairest among ten thousand, and altogether lovely." He is the lily of the valley, the bright and morning star.

### MAN HAS ACCOMPLISHED MUCH OF WHICH WE ARE JUSTLY PROUD.

By his genius he has caused earth, sea, and sky to lay their treasures at his feet. He has struck the earth with knowledge, foresight and experience, spreading fertility over the barren landscapes, causing the choicest fruits and flowers to spring up and flourish in the desert adobe of thorns and briars. But Jesus has accomplished a million times more for the welfare of mankind here and hereafter, than all the legions of gifted men that ever lived. The nations of the world covet the rock of Gibraltar. It is the strongest natural fortification in the world. Storm and wave have beat upon it since the dawn of creation, hostile navies have bombarded it, still it stands the same imperishable, immovable, mighty rock of Gibraltar it has ever been. Jesus is the **GIBRALTAR** of the human soul; the "Rock of Ages." The storms of twenty centuries have beat upon Him, but amidst all the wreck and ruin of time, Jesus remains the same, yesterday, today, and forever.

### I HEARD A FAMOUS AMERICAN SAY: "I SAT IN THE GREAT AUDITORIUM

of the national capitol. It was thronged with youth and beauty, old age and wisdom. I saw a man stand upon the stage and I heard him speak. His gestures were the perfection of grace, his voice was music, and his language was more beautiful than any I had ever heard fall from mortal lips. He painted picture after picture of the joy, beauty, and sympathy of home. He enthroned love and preached the gospel of humanity like an angel. Then I saw him dip his brush in the ink of mortal blackness and blot out the beautiful picture which he had painted. I saw him stab love dead at his feet. I saw him like the serpent of old, worm his way into the paradise of human hearts and by his seductive eloquence and subtle device of sophistry inject his fatal venom, under whose blight its flowers faded, its music was hushed, its sunshine darkened and its soul made ready for the desert place of the newly made graves of faith and hope. That man was Bob Ingersoll, the archangel of modern infidelity, and I said, 'How true is Holy Writ, which hath declared only the fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.'

**TELL ME NOT, OH INFIDEL, THERE IS NO GOD, NO HEAVEN, NO HELL. TELL ME NOT, OH INFIDEL, THERE IS NO RISEN CHRIST!** "For the heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handiwork, day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge." You may go to the remotest island of the sea and Jesus' name is there. You may sail the boundless deep and His name is there. You may visit every land and

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## Modernism in the Church Chronicle

THE CHRONICLE is the name of a magazine published in Wichita, which claims to speak for "28,000 Wichita Protestants." It is advertised as the "Official Organ of the Wichita Council of Churches, Wichita Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Wichita Ministerial Association, and Sedgwick County Council of Religious Education. It is edited by one Ross W. Sanderson, AN EVOLUTIONIST.

The July 29, 1927, number says that "SEVERAL VERY FINE PAPERS WERE WRITTEN", and read at the First Annual Bible Week, conducted May 1 to 8 in the First Presbyterian Church of Wichita. Under the heading, "SPLENDID PAPERS" there is published an article by A. F. Styles, a member of the University Friends Church of Wichita, at one time professor in Friends University, a "Quaker" school. This "splendid" paper is on the subject, "A Glimpse of the Pentateuch With Some Special Reference to Genesis."

This "splendid" article appearing in the Chronicle contains many of the very thoughts given to the world by Bob Ingersoll in his attack upon the sacred Scriptures. The article is so vicious and modernistic that one minister in Wichita, Rev. W. A. Ayers, a Defender, was moved to write, requesting the Chronicle never to publish such a thing again.

Lack of space makes it impossible for us to answer the Styles' assault on the Pentateuch. We can only expose it to our readers and make known the latest "STYLE" among theologians of the Styles "STYLE", who do not hesitate to exalt their own intelligence above the intelligence of the men who wrote the Bible.

Below will be found a few of the thoughts recorded in the Styles paper.

1. Although we read in the Bible that Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy were written by Moses, "the Biblical scholarship of the day" teaches that very little of these books was written by Moses. "It must have been written centuries after Moses' death."

2. Some of these books were written "a long time before Moses." The old chronology says that Moses led the children of Israel from Egypt 1,500 years B. C. "But scholars agree, generally", that the five books were written 400 to 600 years B. C. The book of Deuteronomy which we have believed to have been written last was really written first.

3. The "stories of creation", of "heroes" and "early fortunes of the race" contain Hebrew traditions and ancient legends. The first five books of the Bible draw upon old legends.

4. Moses did not write of his own death, as the Bible states. Someone else wrote it later.

5. Because of errors now known to scholars, the first five books of the Bible are said to have been written over a period of hundreds of years, by many different men, and pieced together.

6. The "Hebrew stories of creation" as recorded in Genesis, were made up of legends and knowledge gained from the Babylonians while in exile. The idea that God revealed it to Moses is absurd. "We must remember how limited" the knowledge of the Hebrews was regarding the physical universe, "but they had inquiring minds."

7. There are two "stories of creation in Genesis." Both are objectionable and came by the fact that the "Hebrews" depended on their own reason and on the knowledge of the peoples about them." The Genesis story of creation is not history; it is a vision of a poem.

8. The "days of creation" in Genesis are neither twenty-four hour days nor "geologic periods of time."

9. The Bible treatise of creation is false because unscientific. "Nothing must be allowed to hamper the advance of science."

10. We must re-interpret our Bible and reconstruct our theology."

11. We lose "the confidence of our young people when the church insists that Genesis is true, while at the high school and college our youth is taught that the Bible is false to scientific truth. Science is correct; the Bible is in error."

12. As a church member I know (says Mr. Styles) that the church keeps too far behind the school.

13. Disease is not caused by the devil, as the Bible teaches. The Bible teaches that the earth is flat. The story of Joshua and the sun is silly. The church upheld witchcraft. The statement in Exodus 22:8, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live" came from semi-barbarous peoples.

14. The Genesis idea of God was that of a "tribal God."

15. The story of Eden, the temptation and fall of man, is false.

16. If there ever was a flood, it was local, occurring in "some river valley."

17. The mere fact that the first five books of the Bible contain so much that is mythical, legendary and false, does not mean that they are of little value. As literature they have influenced many people toward human betterment.

Imagine this article being published in a magazine purporting to speak for the churches. Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and the Ministerial Association of Wichita!

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The convention was held in Wichita last year. It was a genuine success and had upon it every indication of the Spirit's presence. Let Defenders everywhere pray for the 1927 gathering.

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Prominent speakers will appear on the program this year, including Rev. Paul W. Rood, the noted Swedish Mission preacher, founder and president of The Bryan Bible League, of Turlock, California. Dr. W. B. Riley, who made such a profound impression at Wichita last year. President of the World's Christian Fundamentals Association, whose name is a household word, will also be one of the headliners.

Details will be announced next month. In the meantime readers in Kansas may look forward to one of the greatest religious events ever staged in the Sunflower state.

### FOUR LETTERS

(Note:—Four letters, typical of scores received last last month, are printed below.)

Dearly Beloved Winrod:

There are two articles in the last Defender which are unusual. The one "The Greatest Business in the World" by Paul W. Rood, and the other, "The Spirit-Filled Life" by B. F. Fellman. They impress me as being sane and spiritual.

You are developing some wonderful writers and a very useful magazine. \*\*\* There is this to remember, that surely God will not much longer put up with a church which is so apostate in her teaching as the present church.

Your Brother,

C. M. Lessenden,  
(Downs, Kansas.)

Your letter of the 29th at hand. Yes. I will be with you November 23, 24, 25.

I am pleased with the August Defender. I will mention it in our magazine. You are getting out a strong publication.

Fraternally yours.

W. B. Rilev.  
(Minneapolis, Minn.)

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod:

Many satisfactory comments have come from those who heard your lecture in my church. We are glad you were with us, and I am thankful for the privilege of meeting you personally. Hope to know you better as a fellow worker in the great cause of the Gospel.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Wilson,  
(Topeka, Kansas.)

Dear Friends:

I enjoy the paper. Mr. Winrod certainly gives a startling portrait of conditions in our schools and colleges. Yet, these conditions warn us that Christ's coming draweth nigh. For us who believe, it is a cause for rejoicing.

I enjoyed, too, Mr. Winrod's defense of "The Christ of the Indian Road." (See note below.) I profited much from reading that inspirational book.

Faithfully,

Anna D. Bechtold.  
San Pedro Sula, Honduras C. A.)

(Note:—Miss Bechtold refers to Mr. Winrod's defense of the book "The Christ of the Indian Road" by E. Stanley Jones. Mr. Winrod defended it against the attacks of his Fundamentalist brethren in the August Defender, and proved that it is not a modernistic work as charged by the Sunday School Times (a magazine we we cheerfully recommend) and others who misunderstood the mission and contents of this truly great book. Miss Bechtold is one of many missionaries who have been greatly blessed by the book. Many pastors have congratulated Mr. Winrod for his defense of the book. A fundamentalist pastor of one of the largest Baptist churches on the Pacific Coast says he has distributed thirty-six copies among his members. A Methodist pastor in Kansas, who attended the school Dr. Jones attended, Asbury College, is deeply grieved by the attack of the Sunday School Times and says he heard Dr. Jones oppose Evolution in a public address recently.)



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Rev. John Haynes Holmes, preaching in a Community Church in New York said recently, "You and I must choose between Christian theology and science and I am going to choose science every time . . . Why should we be satisfied with the damaged goods of the New Testament? We don't need the Bible; we can each write our own Bible. The modernist has to throw all these things away. He knows that Jesus never rose from the dead; that the belief is founded on heresy and gossip of excited women and ignorant men."

## OUR BABIES.

(Continued from page 1)

Evolution Charles Darwin ever taught. The hypothesis is presented in story-form to fire the imagination of the BABIES.

The opening page of the book, under the heading, "The Age of Fear", says, "This is a story of long ago. It will tell you of the first people we know anything about. It will tell you how they lived before they had a fire. It will tell you how they worked before they had tools." The writer manufactures a fake character called "Sharp-tooth", which is supposed to have been a prehistoric female ancestor, which is traced all through the book and made the center of the lie.

The book says, on page 29, "She grew to be a strong young woman. Then a baby came to live with her. How proud she was of the little boy! Sometimes the baby clung to her waist. Baby tree-dwellers knew how to hold fast."

On page 46, the BABIES learn that our beast parents had no language. "She talked to the baby in a strange language. She made queer clucking sounds. After that he was always quiet when they went to the river."

Pictures of supposed animal ancestors, cave-people, tree-dwellers, half-apes and half-humans, are scattered all through the book to make Evolution fascinating, real and vivid. The time theory is introduced on page 54, in these words, "Millions of years passed; great changes took place." Then the writer plunges into an explanation of the transmutation of species, saying that some animals "became like cats, and some like dogs. Some became like rhinoceros and some like hogs. Others became like monkeys, and still others like horses." By the use of pictures and direct statements, the boys and girls are informed that animals have developed from one into another—a falsehood which is not sustained by a fact in science.

Toward the close of the book, the BABIES learn that "wise men" (Evolutionists), are responsible for giving to the world this advanced knowledge about remote ancestors. On page 130, we read, "The Tree-dwellers lived such a long time ago that we do not know all that they did. But they have left some things to tell their story. A few of their bones and stone weapons have been found in the gravel. Bones of animals that lived then have been found in caves... Wise men have studied all these things."

I have found this book used in almost every section of the country where I have lectured against Evolution. It is particularly popular in Minnesota and California. It goes on at length—jingle, jingle, jingle. The BABIES get from it a complete foundation for later studies in Evolution to come in the upper grades and high schools.

Many books authorized by state authorities teach it to our children, and there is also a vast number of books selected by teachers and used as supplementary reading which are equally dangerous. In addition to these two sources through which OUR BABIES are exposed to the theory, are the large number of reference books, "Outlines of History", "Outlines of Science", "History of Mankind", and works by VanLoon, Wells, and others, to be found in most school rooms and libraries. Thus, this false and atheistic philosophy is kept constantly before the young minds.

Mrs. Winrod and I have two sweet babies which we love more dearly than our own lives. I would rather my babies' eyes be gouged out at this minute than to have them taught this blatant atheism, if we had no way to take it out of their souls at home. Why should it be compulsory for Christian people to expose their BABIES to atheism in order to have them educated in the knowledge of our time? Our public schools are not used to teach religion, and they should not be made centers of infidelity.—The Christian's Bible is not taught in the tax-supported schools; and theories directly opposed to the Bible should not be taught.

## SUPPLEMENTARY READING

An outstanding instance of teaching Evolution to children in the grades as supplementary reading is to be observed in the book, "A Child's History of the World" by V. M. Hillyer, which has been mentioned in these columns before. This book is used in the fourth grade of Wichita, Kansas, and of course in many other cities. It is typical of other similar books.

The avowed purpose of this book, says the author, in the Introduction, is to have the pupil "start with Primitive Man and give a summary of

the World History to the present time." The book begins with the Nebular Hypothesis and says human life came by the following process, "Beginning of the earth, first rain-storm, plants, mites, insects, fish, frogs, snakes, birds, animals, monkeys, people."

Early in the volume the BABIES are told that "long ago, our Sun was not just a big, round, white, hot ball. It was then more like fireworks. It was whirling and sputtering and throwing off sparks. One of these sparks got cool. It was our world!—yes, the world on which we now live. At first our earth was a ball of rock. This was wrapped around with steam. The steam turned to rain."

While it rained "enormously big puddles" were made on the rock which filling with water became oceans. "Then, after this, came the first living things—tiny plants, tiny animals, wee mites like drops of jelly, along the water's edge." These drops of jelly then evolved into insects, fish, frogs, snakes, lizards, "animals like foxes and elephants, then, after this, came monkeys." "Then, last of all, came—what do you suppose?—yes—people—men, women and children."

The book continues, "These first people had hair growing, not just on their heads, but all over their bodies, like shaggy dogs. They were called Cave People. They talked to each other by some sort of grunts—umfa, umfa, plug, plug! Primitive men were cruel creatures, who beat and robbed." The so-called law of Natural Selection is disclosed in these words, "their only rule of life was hurt and kill what you can, and run from what you can't. This is what we call the first law of nature—every man for himself. These primitive cave people are our ancestors, and we get from them many of their wild ways."

The above extracts from the book are typical of many more that could be cited.

Much is said about the Bible later in the book. Parts of God's Word are made to appear mythical. For instance, on page 70, the BABIES are taught to think of David as a "Giant-Killer." On page 71, they are informed, "The blind beggar Homer sang of his fairy-tale gods. The great King David sang of his one God." It is obviously implied that David's God was also a "fairy-tale god."

On the same page the BABIES learn, "If a good fairy had asked you what you would rather have than anything in the world, I wonder what you would have chosen. When Solomon became King, God is said to have appeared to him (italics mine) in a dream and asked him what he would rather have than anything else in the world." The conclusion in the little minds must be that David's fairy-tale god IS SAID to have appeared to Solomon, the whole experience being on the fairy-tale plane.

## FACE THE FACTS

Thus, the book goes on and on. Later it contains some true and helpful teaching on historical events, but any good that might come from having OUR BABIES study it, is counteracted by the false and wicked foundation upon which it is based.

We may as well face the facts;—in one form or another the BABIES in grade and high schools all over America, are being taught this atheistic philosophy. It will do no good to bury our heads in the sand like an ostrich. Let us face the facts openly and demand a remedy.

I repeat, regardless of the contents of the books used in our schools, much depends upon the personal attitude of the teacher. Here tax-payers may play an important part by demanding of their local school-boards that only those teachers be engaged who are openly and without hesitation opposed to Evolution.

Notice, I say "who are openly opposed", for many people repudiate Evolution with their lips when questioned, but retain mental reservations. Make sure that your money, as a tax-payer, goes only to pay the salaries of teachers who reject the beast theory in its entirety.

If we would get a permanent result in this matter, we must take an uncompromising stand. Let there be no half-way business!

Of necessity, the responsibility must rest with individual tax-payers, working through their school-boards, until such time as a sufficient number of people can be awakened to the seriousness of the situation and demand action on the part of state legislative bodies.

As this issue of THE DEFENDER goes to press, twenty-five million of school children will start back to school beginning another term. This means that Evolution will get a more firm grip

on the next generation, the jungle consciousness will take possession of a greater number of people, animalism will become more deeply embedded in our national thought, than ever before.

Evils do not destroy themselves. A wrong of such tremendous proportions as this one will never right itself. People must be awakened out of their lethargy and stimulated to righteous action. This terrible evil will not correct itself. It must be corrected by organized and spiritualized effort on the part of persons who have the best interest of home, school, religion and state at heart.

## THE INCOMPARABLE MAN OF GALILEE.

(Continued from page 9.)

clime and his name is there. His name spans eternity past, and eternity to come. His knowledge and glory are destined to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

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### THE SILENT CHRIST.

Matthew tells us that Christ was silent before Pilate. Mark tells us that Christ was silent before Caiphas. Luke tells us that Christ was silent before Herod. Pilate was ruled by worldly policy and a consuming selfishness. Caiphas was influenced by jealous rage and pride. Herod was a prey to sensuality and hardness of heart. All of them were haughty unbelievers. When the crowd cried, "Away with Him", they simply echoed the attitude of the world man, the proud man, and the sensual man toward the gracious and life-giving Saviour of men.

Why was Christ silent? It was not because of fear or contempt or sulleness or consciousness of guilt. He was silent because there was really nothing to be said. He had proclaimed his message in the clearest terms. He had gone about doing good. He had brought blessing to every needy one who looked to him for help. His lips had spoken mercy, and his hands had brought salvation. All men knew of His holy deeds.

He could have opened the ears of these three men of power to sublimest symphonies. He could have opened their eyes to the most wondrous visions. He could have led them into ways of peace and righteousness. But "they would not." Now He is silent, because they had not ears with which to hear, no eyes with which to see, no feet with which to walk.

It is a terrible hour in a man's life when Christ ceases to speak to Him. There are many men today who hear no voice and see no Saviour. They have become "gospel hardened", as our fathers used to say. Their day of opportunity has passed. Selfishness or pride or sensuality has so captured their lives that they are dead to the righteousness and grace of Christ. Christ has not condemned them. Their sin has condemned them, and no word of Christ can avail to deliver them.

It is the supreme tragedy to face a silent Christ.—Selected.

### MY GARDEN

Mrs. Fred Robison, Timewell, Ill.

I have a garden in my heart,  
Where flowers bloom, of varied hue,  
But when at close of crowded day  
I pause, to meditate and pray,  
I find, in spite of every care,  
That weeds have grown there, too.

As in Life's Garden, row on row,  
I scatter seed, and thistles grow,  
My trembling soul cries out afraid  
At all the havoc I have made,  
And wonderingly I question why  
The good seeds sown  
Have seemed to die.

If at the close of Life's brief day,  
I may be privileged to view  
God's glorious garden, fair and sweet,  
My joy will be full and complete,  
If I may hear the Master say,  
"This flower is blooming here and here,  
Because good seed you planted grew."

A reaping machine always bears its maker's name, and so acknowledges him not only on the harvest field, but on the way thistles; yes, and when laid by for the winter whoever looks upon it, whether it is in rest or motion, knows the maker's name. So, whoever wears, definitely and frankly, the name of Christ, preaches a sermon as long as his daily walk, and sings through every conversation an anthem of praise.—Selected.

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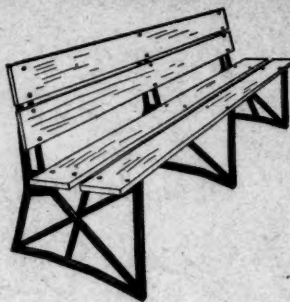
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